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E.O. 11652: N.A.

TAGS: PARM, PFOR, NZ, FR

SUBJECT: FRI

REF: WELLINGTON 1880

1. USCG, AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, IS INQUIRING DIRECTLY  
OF FRENCH NAVY IN PACIFIC ABOUT DETAILS OF REPORTED FRI  
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INCIDENT, INCLUDING PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF VESSEL AND

WELFARE OF PERSONS ON BOARD. WE ARE AWAITING RESPONSE.

2. EMBASSY PARIS REQUESTED TO QUERY FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING APPARENT BOARDING AND TAKING POSSESSION OF U.S. REGISTERED VESSEL FRI BY FRENCH NAVAL VESSEL ON HIGH SEAS IN SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN. THIS INQUIRY SHOULD BE WITH A VIEW TO FULL REPORT OF ALL DETAILS ABOUT INCIDENT, SINCE USG IS CONCERNED ABOUT WELFARE OF VESSEL AND PERSONS ON BOARD. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOSS OF RADIO CONTACT WITH THE FRI. MOREOVER, NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT, WHOSE NATIONALS ARE ALSO ON BOARD THE VESSEL, HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO THE USG AS STATE OF REGISTRY OF THE VESSEL. WE WOULD LIKE A REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN, BEYOND THOSE OF A NORMAL APPROACH AND IDENTIFICATION OPERATION ON THE HIGH SEAS.

3. FYI. YOUR REQUEST SHOULD BE CONFINED AT THE MOMENT TO A STRAIGHTFORWARD REQUEST FOR A REPORT ON THE FACTS. END FYI.

4. FOR WELLINGTON: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM GNZ THAT USG HAS MADE INQUIRY TO GOF CONCERNING THE FRI, SINCE WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF FACTS ABOUT THE ALLEGED INCIDENT. WE WILL KEEP GNZ APPROPRIATELY INFORMED. RUSH

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